

# WAR SHARES SOAR IN NEW STOCK MARKET BOOM

WEATHER—Fair; much colder to-night.

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## GERMANY SAYS ALLIES CAN HAVE TERMS; ENTENTE TO SEND JOINT REPLY TO WILSON

### \$30,000,000 EXTRA PROFIT EXTORTED BY SUGAR KINGS FROM PEOPLE IN TWO YEARS

Public Paying Nearly Twice as Much as in Any Year Since Civil War.

FEW MEN MAKE PRICES.

No Reduction Until the War Ends, Declare the "Sugar Kings."

The people of the United States have paid in the last two years approximately twice as much for sugar consumed at home and used as the ingredients of other necessities as they have at any time since the Civil War.

Thirty million dollars in profits in excess of the profits of former years is the huge sum that has been divided in the last two years among the big interests here and in Cuba in control of the production, refining and distribution of sugar.

This is the story revealed by a partial inquiry into the high cost of sugar made by The Evening World. The biggest bulk of this huge profit went to the Cuban-American Sugar Company, the American Sugar Refining Company, the National Sugar Refining Company, the Arbuckle and the Federal Company. An official of one of these companies frankly admitted that the profits were large, but claimed that, in some cases, the money was made in investments as well as from the increased cost of the product.

Another official admitted that the labor cost of producing raw sugar had not been nearly as high as labor cost in other lines. Recently there has been a drop in the cost of the raw product of nearly 1½ cents, with only a slight reduction in the wholesale cost which has not materially affected the price to the consumer. Two weeks ago raw sugar was up to 6½ cents a pound. It is now quoted at a fraction over 5 cents. The wholesale drop was less than ½ of a cent, yesterday's wholesale quotation being a fraction over 7 cents a pound. Retailers and big wholesalers who use sugar in their products claim that this is nothing like a reasonable reduction, that sugar to-day should be selling for 6½ cents, judged by the quotations of the raw product.

**SAME OLD CRY, WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?**  
Shortage, the law of supply and demand and the war are several reasons advanced by the "sugar kings" for the high cost of sugar. They say there will be no material reduction until the war ends. Some admit that speculative gambling on the Coffee Exchange helped to keep the price soaring. "Some fellows were shrewd enough to buy low and sell high," said one, "and then you are? What can be done about it?"

Nevertheless, The Evening World has discovered that thousands of complaints from all parts of the country have been forwarded to Washington, demanding an investigation, and that within the last ten days an informal inquiry will probably turn into an official one. The New York Chamber of Commerce got complaints too and appointed a committee to investigate. Harry Balfe, President of Austin, Nichols & Co., is Chairman of this committee.

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### POLAR BLAST TO HIT NEW YORK TO-NIGHT; WILL SNOW, MAYBE

Weather Man Says the Mercury Will Probably Drop to About 24 Above.

"Clear and colder" was the prediction for to-night. The weather man explained that the rain was to be followed by a northeast gale, which will blow it away. Then the wind is expected to shift to the northwest, when more snow will fall. This may not occur before late to-night and the temperature will fall to 24 degrees above zero, was the forecast.

To-morrow it will be still colder. It may be 20, or lower, before New York gets to work in the morning. Forecaster Starr says he has the weather in the best possible working condition. The polar blast will be succeeded by a climbing of the mercury and it will continue warmer on Sunday.

Warmer on Saturday night and Sunday means only that it will be warmer by comparison. Weather promised for Christmas is to be an ideal Yuletide offering—crisp and biting and—probably white.

**ROCHESTER, Dec. 22.**—This section of Western New York is in the grip of a northeast blizzard to-day, which threatens to the up rail and vehicular traffic. Several inches of heavy snow delayed trains and the Rochester street cars are having the most trouble of the present winter.

Suburban lines were in operation early in the day, but prospects of maintaining schedules if the storm continues were not bright.

**Six Inches of Snow and Trolley Lines Crippled at Buffalo.**

**BUFFALO, Dec. 22.**—Six inches of heavy, wet snow that fell here in less than two hours to-day crippled street car service in the city and on interurban lines. A high wind added to the difficulties of the steam and electric lines.

**Three Deaths in Cleveland Due to the Storm.**

**CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.**—Ferdinand Triet dropped dead from overexertion while battling the snow drifts on his way to work to-day. Two boys were killed by trains which they did not observe because of the blizzard. Two others were struck and injured by autos and street cars while blinded by snow.

**Pittsburgh Steel Man Dies of Heart Failure in Blizzard.**

**MASSILLON, O., Dec. 22.**—P. H. Monahan, Pittsburgh steel man, died from heart failure on the street here to-day while struggling through the blizzard to reach the railroad station to take a train home to spend Christmas.

**FRENCH LINER IN LATE.**

**La Touraine Delayed Three Days by Terrible Storm.**  
The French liner La Touraine arrived this afternoon from Bordeaux three days late because a terrible storm with rain, hail and thunder headed her off Wednesday last week, when she was half way over.

### DE SAULLES BOY MUST STAY HERE TILL WAR ENDS

Divorce Decree Regulates Many Years of Youngster's Life With Both Parents.

ALIMONY TILL HE'S 21.

In Case Mrs. De Saulles Re-weds the \$300 a Month Is Cut in Half.

Although John Lenger de Saulles has been adjudged guilty of marital misconduct and a divorce decree recommended for Mrs. Blanca Errazuriz de Saulles, the Chilean beauty, the proposed interlocutory decree submitted to Supreme Court Justice Pendleton to-day provides that if Mrs. de Saulles, the injured party, remarries she is to lose half her alimony. The famous Yale quarter and varsity captain is to pay her \$300 a month until she re-weds at which time, if it ever comes, she is to receive only \$150.

When the decree was presented to Justice Pendleton this morning de Saulles offered no opposition. Neither was there opposition from Miss Joan Sawyer, the dancer, whose name was mentioned in the testimony given before Referee Phoenix Ingraham. It was to save Miss Sawyer from publicity that an attempt secretly to file the referee's findings was made last Monday.

The proposed decree is unique in that it is twice as long as usual and five pages are devoted to the custody of the de Saulles son, John Lenger Jr., who at present lives with his mother. Again Mrs. de Saulles, the innocent party to the divorce, does not get exclusive custody of the child and when he reaches his majority—he is now four and a half years old—the \$150 a month alimony ceases.

Until England shall be at peace and the seas again safe for travel, the decree sets forth, young John shall remain within the United States. This means that Mrs. de Saulles cannot, until peace is declared, take her son to her own home in Chile, where the vast estate of her mother, a sister of a former President of Chile, is located.

After the war is over and until the son reaches the age of eight, his mother is to have him with her from October to June, during which seven months she is at liberty to take him to England, but she must either bring him back herself or return him to this country by some responsible person by the first of June in each year, when he is to be turned over to his father.

When John reaches the age of eight his father is to have entire control of his education, for which the decree requires him to pay. Then the mother is to have him only during July, August and September, except for three-hour periods during the rest of the year and in such a way as not to interfere with his schooling.

**Secretary Lansing Is Not Going to Quit the Cabinet.**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.**—A report was in circulation to-day to the effect that Secretary of State Lansing was preparing to resign from the Cabinet. The report is said to have originated in New York. Secretary Lansing personally denied it. At the White House a denial was also given out.

**\$10 Men's O'coats & Suits, \$5.95**  
The "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, corner Barclay Street, opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to-day and Saturday 1,200 Men's Winter Overcoats and Suits, blacks, fancy grays, browns and dark blues, in plain or pinch backs. All sizes, 34 to 44. Our special price to-day and Saturday, \$5.95 and \$6.95. Open Saturday night till 10. The Hub Clothing, Broadway, corner Barclay Street.—Advt.

### WILSON EXPECTS NEUTRALS TO FOLLOW LEAD IN APPEAL TO THE WARRING COUNTRIES

Hopes That the United States Will Become Clearing House for Views.

SITUATION CLARIFIED.

Lansing's Two Statements of Yesterday Handed to Diplomats to Be Sent Abroad.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.**—Diplomats here are eagerly watching for indications of whether the European neutrals will follow the lead of the United States and make a similar appeal to the warring powers.

There is a growing feeling that the United States hopes to become the clearing house for views and possibly for terms of the belligerents. Several of the diplomats have advised their governments to that effect in order to guide them in their replies.

Secretary of State Lansing's two statements of yesterday, in interpretation of President Wilson's note, were forwarded to-day to American diplomats abroad. The purpose was to prevent misinterpretations and misunderstandings abroad.

Dispatch of the two notes will probably obviate the necessity for a supplemental note, which Lansing said he would send if his first "verge of war" remarks were misinterpreted.

The fact that the texts are forwarded to the diplomats will enable them to present to the European courts as the official attitude of this government the idea that the United States regards transgressions on its rights as increasingly grave but as thus far causing no consideration of a change in the neutrality policy.

Surprise at the fast growing significance of the President's move was expressed on all sides, where it was pointed out that at first the opinion prevailed that the note itself was merely a "feeler" and that the move immediately contemplated in issuing it was the receipt of some sort of definition from the various warring nations. That the President should let it be known indirectly to the diplomats for their guidance, that he went even farther than that and counted on an absolutely frank reply from the belligerents which would lead to an actual opportunity for negotiations, proved only less surprising than the actual note itself.

This feeling was increased by Secretary Lansing's statement yesterday that no soundings had been taken of the attitude of the belligerents addressed and that the note had been sent entirely regardless of the Central Powers' proposals or of the reply of Lloyd George.

The question very much to the fore to-day was whether the European neutrals would present a united appeal. The Spanish and Swiss representatives here have been in the State Department repeatedly since those proposals came out and probably know fully the plans of this Government.

Gradual clarification among the Entente diplomats here of the President's purpose and indications that they would advise their Governments to reply in a friendly spirit proved a source of deep gratification.

### BROOKLYN MAN CHOSEN ARCHBOLD'S SUCCESSOR AS STANDARD OIL HEAD

Brooklyn Man, at 52, Elected President of the Great Rockefeller Concern.

**Alfred Coffin Bedford of Brooklyn was elected President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to-day in succession to the late John D. Archbold. This position carries with it unofficial executive leadership of the entire Standard group of companies and, as the Old Guard passes away, marks Mr. Bedford as the future captain-general of the great industry.**



### A. C. BEDFORD GETS ARCHBOLD PLACE AS STANDARD OIL HEAD

Brooklyn Man, at 52, Elected President of the Great Rockefeller Concern.

The new president was born in Brooklyn fifty-two years ago, a nephew of E. T. Bedford, one of the original Standard oil partners, and has devoted his entire life to the company's business. He progressed rapidly, but inconspicuously, in the service, and when the trust was dissolved, he emerged as vice president and treasurer of the New Jersey company. In this concern was lodged most of the interests of the Rockefeller and their immediate associates.

Mr. Bedford was third in line of succession, being junior to both Mr. Archbold and James A. Moffatt, but both of these men having died, he now assumes the presidency.

**TEIPER JURY STILL IS OUT.**

No Immediate Prospect of Report, Justice Is Informed.

**BUFFALO, Dec. 22.**—More than twenty hours' deliberation had failed to bring agreement among the twelve men considering the evidence against John Edward Teiper, alleged matricide.

Justice Charles B. Wheeler was informed at 3 o'clock there was no immediate prospect of a report.

### NEW STOCK BOOM SENDS ALL SHARES UP, 2 TO 26 POINTS

Losses of Yesterday Regained, Bethlehem Steel Leading in the Advance.

SALES TOTAL 1,779,000.

Wall Street Decides Overnight There's Nothing to Fear in Peace Developments.

The stock market, opening to-day at an advance over yesterday's closing prices, continued to boom throughout the five-hour session and closing prices in most instances were the highest of the day. Many stocks regained the losses incurred in yesterday's slump. Sales for the day were 1,779,000 shares. Every security on the list showed a gain for the day, the advances ranging from two to 26 points, the latter registered by Bethlehem Steel.

Other stocks showing big gains were United States Steel, which closed at 107½-4; Central Leather, Crucible, Union Pacific, New York Airbrakes, Reading, Anaconda, Industrial Alcohol and Marine preferred, the latter stock selling up to 92½-2, a gain for the day of 7½-4 points.

There are reports in Wall Street that speculators of the class of Barney Harch, Burton Castles and Thomas W. Lawson have cleaned up more than \$1,000,000 each since the peace talk began ten days ago and the market began to sag.

Wall Street got a new idea of President Wilson's peace note and Secretary of State Lansing's statement overnight, and at the opening to-day confidence in the future and the belief in some quarters that the low level hit yesterday was unnatural sent prices up with a jump. United States Steel, on a sale of 25,000 shares, went up to 104½, a gain of 3½ points on the very first transaction. Later in the day Steel touched 107½-4.

Steel was the barometer of the market, although in some other stocks and in some of the purely speculative issues the fluctuations were violent at times. Generally speaking the market was steady.

Two stocks which represent investments of a widely different character and were leaders in yesterday's panic were very strong in the rally of to-day. They are Crucible Steel, which went to 93, a gain of 7 points, and Union Pacific, which sold up to 104½, a gain of 1½ points. Both stocks opened above last night's close and held a commanding lead all through the day.

Other noteworthy features of the opening included the following advances: Central Leather, 6; Crucible Steel, 4½-2; Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies, 4½-2; Marine preferred 43-4; Utah Copper, 41-2; Lackawanna Steel, 5; American Woolen, 6; Pittsburgh Coal, 63-8; New York Airbrakes, 8, and 2 to 5 points in other prominent stocks.

Traders who sold short yesterday in the expectation that the market would continue its downward course to-day were compelled to cover at the opening. Also the market was full of bargain hunters, who were of the opinion that many stocks were driven below their intrinsic value in yesterday's decline.

There was a falling off in the upward course of the market an hour after the opening, which was natural considering that in this hour 640,000 shares had changed hands. However, the recovery was rapid. For instance, Central Leather, after dropping to 78½-4, jumped right back to 82½-4.

### BERLIN IS STILL HOPEFUL; ANXIOUS TO STATE AIMS IF ALLIES WILL PAVE THE WAY

London Announces That Separate Replies Will Be Sent to the German Proposals—King Prorogues Parliament Without Comment on Wilson's Appeal.

### WASHINGTON HEARS NOTE WILL NOT BE REJECTED

**LONDON, Dec. 22.**—An Exchange telegraph despatch from The Hague says it is announced that should the Entente Allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers leave the door open for negotiations Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers which contain the announcement declare that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand do not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the Entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer and that, therefore, the German Government will define its attitude after receipt of the reply of the Entente allies.

In official and diplomatic circles in London it was generally predicted to-day that President Wilson's note to the belligerents would be met by a joint reply from the Entente powers. This method of answering the note will differ from the reply to be made by the Entente nations to the German peace note, in which it is understood that, while agreeing to the general principles, each member of the Entente will be free to express any individual views which they may feel desirable to utter.

It is hardly likely there will be an early reply to President Wilson's note, as it is expected full consultations between diplomatists of the Entente countries will take place before a formal reply is made. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons that no reply would be made until after a conference with the allies.

Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the Government contemplated with respect to it.

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.**—Some of the Entente Allies said to-day that for the same reasons that Great Britain and her allies did not flatly reject the peace proposals of the Teutonic powers, they will not flatly turn down the suggestions made by President Wilson.

### WILSON'S NOTE "ILL-ADVISED," IS COMMENT OF LONDON PRESS

"Must Weigh American Point of View," Says Westminster Gazette—"Will Create Bitter Resentment" Another View.

**LONDON, Dec. 22.**—Although the British press is practically unanimous to-day in deploring President Wilson's peace move, it was lacking in violent denunciation. Favorite comment is that the note was "un-timely" and "ill-advised."

The people, like the press, were taken aback, as they had about arrived at the conclusion that Premier Lloyd George's speech had put an end to all peace talk unless the Central Powers, in their reply to the Premier, were prepared to define their terms. The note and Secretary Lansing's subsequent statement constituted the chief topic of discussion throughout the country to-day.

The Westminster Gazette says it does not question the sincerity of President Wilson's explanation that his action immediately after the issue of the German proposals was a more coincidence, and adds: "Mr. Wilson must pardon us if we, who are in death grips with an enemy who threatens our rights and liberties, are unable to ascend to those heights above the battlefield from which all combatants seem to be merged in a confused welter of meaningless slaughter."

"But if he has knowledge which is denied us that our enemy is willing to acknowledge our claims, to make restitution and repair what he has destroyed, to afford real guarantees against a repetition, he well knows that we should be the last to reject his good offices."

"We can have no resentment be-